

reviewed by the District Manager. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective and the land leased to the City of Idaho City for a public park.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The segregation is effective January 15, 1998. The classification will be effective March 16, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the classification, lease or conveyance should be sent to: Area Manager, Cascade Resource Area, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Effie Schultsmeier, Cascade Area Realty Specialist, (208) 384-3357.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is in response to an application by the City of Idaho City for a public park. The lands are not needed for Federal purposes and are needed by the City for a public park. Lease of the lands will not be authorized until after the classification becomes effective. Lease of the lands for recreational or public purpose use would be in the public interest, and will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein. Lease of the lands will not be authorized until after the classification becomes effective.

Steven W. Moore,

Acting Cascade Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft general management plan (GMP) and environmental impact statement (EIS) for Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon. This notice also announces public open houses for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft document. All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public inspection.

DATES: Comments on the draft GMP/EIS should be received no later than March 13, 1998. Public meetings will be held as follows:

February 9, 1998, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the

Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 East River Street, Cave Junction, OR; and February 10, 1998, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the

Grants Pass City Council Chambers, 101 NW "A" Street, Grants Pass, OR. **ADDRESSES:** Comments on the draft GMP/EIS should be sent to the Superintendent, Oregon Caves National Monument, 19000 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523. Public reading copies of the draft GMP/EIS will be available for review at the following locations, as well as other local libraries around the Oregon Caves National Monument area: Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 208-6843; Columbia Cascades Support Office, National Park Service, Room 650, 909 First Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1060, telephone: (206) 220-4154; Oregon Caves National Monument, 19000 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523, telephone: (541) 592-2100; Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Pacific West Region, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94107-1372, telephone: (415) 427-1300; Technical Information Center, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO 80225-0287, telephone: (303) 969-2534; Portland Public Library, 801 SW. 10th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205, telephone: (503) 248-5123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes the environmental consequences of four alternative strategies for guiding future management of the national monument. The major subject areas are natural and cultural resources, visitor services, and park management and operations. Alternative A is the "no action" alternative, which means a continuation

of the existing policies and programs. Alternative B is the "minimum requirements" alternative and describes those minimum actions that are required for the safe and effective operation of the park. Included is a 3,310-acre protected area within adjacent National Forest lands to protect cave ecology and the public water supply. Alternative C (the proposed action and preferred alternative) emphasizes enhanced protection of the monument resources and visitor experiences through park-led cave tours, an on-site visitor center in an adaptively reused historic building, establishment of a caves reservation system, and enhancement of non-motorized trails in a protected forest setting. It also provides for increased protection of the cave hydrology, surface forest environment, and public water supply through a 3,310-acre addition to the monument from adjacent National Forest lands. Alternative D emphasizes increased visitor services and recreation opportunities combined with increased watershed protection. A 2,373-acre addition and a 937-acre protected area are also part of the alternative. The draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the strategies comprising the four alternatives. The official responsible for a decision on the proposed action is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Charlotte A. Munson,

Acting Superintendent, Columbia Cascades Support Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Glen Echo Park Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of scoping meeting/open house for the Glen Echo Park Management Plan/Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming scoping meeting/open house for the Glen Echo Park Management Plan and the intent to publish an environmental assessment in association with the management plan.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 3, 1998, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John, Maryland.